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News and Notes from the
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JULY TOP 20 TITHES Received by August 15 (Per Capita)

MCC Tacoma, Tacoma, WA	\$46.15
De Colores MCC, Los Angeles, CA	41.19
Family of Peace MCC, Overland Park, KS	34.71
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Pomona, CA	31.09
MCC Galveston, Galveston, TX	22.24
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	20.33
MCC Boise, Boise, ID	16.49
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	16.44
MCC Acadiana, Lafayette, LA	14.35
MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM	13.99
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	13.28
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	13.22
MCC Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	12.78
MCC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	12.43
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ	12.36
MCC of Jackson, Jackson, MS	12.08
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	12.05
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	11.27
MCC of the Palms, Ft. Myers, FL	11.13
MCC of Tucson Truth Chapel Family, Tucson, AZ	10.71

JULY TOP 20 TITHES Received by August 15 (In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX	\$1727.69
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	1679.90
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	1031.01
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	800.16
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	671.55
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	629.42
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Pomona, CA	562.75
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	556.30
Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA	521.75
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	476.78
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX	475.01
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	465.50
MCC Washington, Washington, DC	452.44
MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL	393.83
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA	385.45
MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM	345.58
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	312.17
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	273.75
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Des Moines, IA	273.75
De Colores MCC, Los Angeles, CA	247.18

For Information on the NATIONAL AIDS VIGIL coming up on October 8, 1983 in Washington, DC, USA write to:

NATIONAL AIDS VIGIL COMMISSION
2335 - 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

ALSO available is a new article "AIDS: A Woman's Viewpoint." Write to Laurie Shane, The Communication Works, 642½ N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

The Governing Board of the National Council of Churches of the USA is meeting November 9-11, 1983 in Hartford, CT. At this meeting the Board will be voting on UFMCC's eligibility for membership in the N.C.C. Please keep this event in your prayers.

THOSE STUDENT CLERGY who are available for a call to a study group or mission, and who would like to be placed on an available list, please send your names and a brief resume to Fellowship Headquarters, c/o Mr. Paul Nance.

A Calendar for the Fellowship for 1984 will be available by November. The *UFMCC Liturgical Calendar* will be incorporated in it, and also available separately.

The Reports and Directives of General Conference XI, Toronto, ONT. will be available no later than November 1, 1983.

Specific information and clarification concerning the UFMCC Clergy Pension Plan will be forthcoming with future issues of *Keeping in Touch*. Assessment of local congregations does not begin until January 1984. For information, you may write to "Pensions, UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY materials, including worship resources, a letter from Rev. Perry, a poster and return envelopes have been sent to every UFMCC congregation. *Please remember to celebrate our 15th Birthday on October 9, 1983* — and send in news and photos to *JOURNEY* magazine.

An update of the manual: *LOCATING A PASTOR* has been made. The manual is 13 pages shorter than Edition I. A soft cover is now included. The retail price is \$7.97 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Make checks payable to Rev. Paul Breton and mail to: P.O. Box 368, San Bernardino, CA 92402.

A BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER for Trial Use in Metropolitan Community Church will be published by the end of October, 1983. This book is the result of years of work, research and development under a growing need and desire with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches to have such a product for the worshiplife of local congregations.

This book is not the final answer to the multivariied needs of worship in MCC congregations. Instead, it is a "first step" toward reaching some desirable goals and is being presented for trial use only at this time.

This worshipbook is designed specifically to be ecumenically representative of contemporary Christian worship, yet based solidly on information provided in Scripture and in the earliest constitutional and apostolic writings of the Christian Church. With the specific needs of Metropolitan Community Church in mind, this book of worship can prove an invaluable asset to the worshiplife of congregations and the many and specific ministries of the Clergy of the UFMCC.

The tentative publication date is October 31, 1983. The first edition will be printed in very limited quantity. Persons interested in the *Book of Common Worship for Trial Use* are requested to submit their names and addresses to New Covenant MCC. Persons desiring further information previous to publication are requested to submit \$2.00 to New Covenant MCC. Prepublication prices will be submitted in the near future. Publication prices for single copies and bulk orders will be submitted after November 1, 1983.

THE NEWLY REVISED UFMCC BY-LAWS are now available from the Fellowship Offices for 75 cents apiece.

Included in your Keeping in Touch mailing this month is SOTER; all the information about the North American Western Clergy Conference in San Diego, CA, November 8-11, 1983; and a special letter from the Hispanic Americas District.

The Board of Elders will meet November 12-15, 1983 in Los Angeles, CA, following the Clergy Conference.

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"SPIRITUAL LIFE AND CLERGY CARE" The Chaplain, Rev. Nancy Radclyffe, is now residing in Los Angeles, CA and can be reached at (213) 465-4227. Mailing address is: P.O. Box 691566, Los Angeles, California 90069.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' MAILING LIST. Samaritan asks your cooperation in establishing a Christian Educators' mailing list. This list will enable the Deans (Rev. Jeffrey Pulling in Hartford, CT and Rev. Sherre L. Boothman in Los Angeles, CA) to facilitate the sharing of programs, classes, seminars, etc . . . among the churches. Also, it will help Samaritan to include a greater number of people and programs from all over UFMCC in its educational planning.

Please mail the name and address of the person(s) who coordinates Christian Education in your local church to:

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HAPPY 15th ANNIVERSARY!

CALL FOR NEWSCLIPPINGS — Please send us copies of any newsclippings that have appeared in local or regional news sources (secular, religious, or Gay and Lesbian) in reference to MCC's application to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Send them to Rev. Nancy Wilson at the UFMCC headquarters.

CALL FOR MATERIALS — Do you have local church guidelines for Holy Unions? Procedures? Sample liturgies? Please send them to the Fellowship Offices labeled "Holy Union Materials." We hope to offer a resource packet soon.

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